



# TOLL BRIDGE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

CALTRANS BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

November 15, 2011, 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

**Attendees:** TBPOC Members: Steve Heminger (Chair), Malcolm Dougherty, and Bimla Rhinehart

PMT Members: Tony Anziano, Andrew Fremier, and Stephen Maller

Participants: Michele DiFrancia, Beatriz Lacson, Tamie McGowen, Bart Ney, Dina Noel, Randy Rentschler, Bijan Sartipi, Ken Terpstra, and Jason Weinstein

Convened: 1:04 PM

Items		Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>TBPOC PRESS STATEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chair requested comments on the draft press statement sent earlier to the TBPOC and PMT.</li><li>○ M. Dougherty indicated that in his interviews (after yesterday's TBPOC teleconference) and conversations with the Governor's Office, he announced the retention of the Toll Bridge Seismic Safety Peer Review Panel (TBSSPRP) to ensure the seismic safety of the new East Span.</li><li>○ The Chair reiterated the statutory role of the TBPOC and the oversight responsibility of the committee. The intent of the press release is to reassert the oversight role of the TBPOC and clarify that the TBSSPRP is working for the TBPOC.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ B. Rhinehart, S. Maller and A. Fremier echoed the Chair's position.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TBPOC approved with a 2-1 vote (M. Dougherty dissented) to release the press statement today as revised.</li><li>• R. Rentschler to send the revised press statement to the TBPOC for final review prior to release.</li></ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chair reported that Legislative hearings on the inspection subject are scheduled for the end of the month. The Senate and Assembly will want to hear from the TBPOC and M. Dougherty, in particular, regarding the Department personnel issue.</li></ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair suggested a TBSSPRP interview before and after its review of this safety matter. The panel could attend one of the upcoming TBPOC meetings or a special meeting for this purpose.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>T. Anziano to coordinate meeting preferably coinciding with the TBSSPRP Dec 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.</li></ul>

Adjourned: 1:50 PM

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**APPROVED BY:**

  
**STEVE HEMINGER**, Executive Director  
Bay Area Toll Authority

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Date

  
**BIMLA G. RHINEHART**, Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission

9/10/12  
Date

  
**Malcolm Dougherty**, Acting Director  
California Department of Transportation

9/4/2012  
Date